



MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

We deliver culturally sensitive, multi-generational, community-based services focused on low-income families. We develop and promote leadership skills that empower families to build strong, healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. We empower youth to reach their fullest potential, instill leadership skills, and develop them to reach educational goals. We provide cultural exposure and affirmation, and give youth the tools they need to make positive, informed decisions.

MISSION GIRLS

Mission Girls is committed to the well being and empowerment of women and girls. Through culturally appropriate and gender specific services, Mission Girls works to promote self esteem, enhance academic performance, develop leadership abilities and empower young women to make positive choices in their lives. Mission Girls is a youth program of Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

WHO WE SERVE

Mission Girls serves 300 girls annually, 9-25 years of age who primarily live in the Mission District, as well as citywide, and are coming from communities experiencing significant barriers. We specifically target girls of color living in households and families considered to be the most financially in need. We prioritize the hardest to reach girls who are (or may have) experienced trauma, violence, discrimination, and poverty. We especially welcome girls that typically are unsuccessful completing other programs, are truant or from underperforming in school. Priority is given to girls who need higher levels of support and are referred through public systems such as CPS, JPD, SFUSD, reside in public housing, are monolingual Spanish speaking, have special needs, and/or are identifying as LGBTQ youth of color.

WHO WE ARE Mission Girls



Our Programs

The Mission Girls After School and Summer Program serves girls, 9 to 14 years old, with homework assistance and enrichment activities that include three criteria: cultural enrichment, literacy enrichment, and health and wellness. Additional activities include leadership development, cultural and female focused community events, career mentoring, school based advocacy, individualized plans and academic portfolios. All activities are developed to increase critical thinking skills and resiliency, set and achieve goals, strengthen sisterhood, and to recognize the beauty of the culture and strength of girls of color.

RAICES consists of weekly girl circles that are provided at various middle and high schools throughout the city. Groups are held during and after school and participants are provided with violence –against-women curriculum. Girls are given the space to explore and voice concerns about issues affecting their lives; and learn skills (and resources) that allow them to deal with challenges they may face in the future.

MISSION GIRLS HOURS OF OPERATION

Mission Girls After School Program Hours:
Monday through Friday 10:30-6:30pm.
Evening Hours: Mon., Tues., & Wed. 4:00-8:00pm; 1st and 3rd Fri. of the month 6:00pm-12:00am. Some Saturdays open for fundraising, community events, and field trips.



“What I treasure most in life is being able to dream. During my most difficult moments and complex situations I have been able to dream of a more beautiful future.” Rigoberta Menchu



College Tours

The college tours provide youth of color with a first hand look at colleges and universities around the country. Our participants are usually the first to be entering higher education in their families and this may be the only exposure to institutions of higher education they may have. Ground transportation, lodging, meals, meetings with admissions representatives, student led tours, campus housing tours, and follow up educational supports are included. Tours enable girls to get a sense of what higher education has to offer and gets them thinking about their future as college students. Thanks to the generosity of Southwest Airlines over two dozen program youth were able to take part in the college tours in 2010. Girls flew to New York, Alabama, and Washington DC. and toured universities such as NYU, Fordham, Columbia, Clark, Morehouse, and Morris Brown University.

Career Exploration Program

The Mission Girls Career Exploration Program was created to expose girls to careers in which they may have limited or no exposure. Career Mentors encourage young girls of color to see their opportunities as limitless and their future as full of possibilities. Our Career Mentors are professional women of color who will provide girls with guidance and advice to start them thinking about their goals and the planning and preparation needed to achieve their dreams. We especially look for professionals who occupy positions in which women of color representation is minimal.



Evening Programming

Young Queens on the Rise is an evening support group for young women, 14-23 years old, to educate and empower themselves to make healthier choices for themselves. Young Queens is designed to meet the needs of young women at risk of negative street activity. Participants are involved in the juvenile justice system and attend group as part of a court order, or through self-referral. Case Management services are provided to girls to reduce involvement with the system.

All Nighters occur on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 5pm to 12midnight. The goal of the All Nighters is to provide highly structured and well-supervised group activities during high-risk time periods for girls that may be at risk of engaging in violence, or having police contact.

LGBTQ Services for Youth of Color

AQuellas L.O.C.A.S. is a queer Latina support group for young women between the ages of 14-23 years old. AQuellas provides a safe place where girls get support, discuss issues, and connect with other Latina youth that identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning.

FUNDING SOURCES

- Department of Children Youth and Their Families
- Department on the Status of Women

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